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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *GF*
Director of Public Works

BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2009, AGENDA ITEM 23 AUTOMATED RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

On April 6, 2004, your Board approved and authorized an agreement with Affiliated Computer Services, Incorporated (ACS) for the implementation of an Automated Red Light Photo Enforcement System. There are currently a total of eight intersections (list attached) that are monitored by cameras. Annual payment to ACS for services is not-to-exceed \$1,075,200. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is also paid a not-to-exceed fee of \$200,000 per year for the review of photographs and issuing of citations. This program is funded through an allocation of General Fund Revenues from County Courts.

As of August 30, 2008, our analysis of the collision rate for the eight intersections showed a 31 percent reduction in the number of right-angle type collisions and a 27.9 percent reduction in the overall total number of collisions. The purpose of red light photo enforcement is to increase traffic safety by reducing these types of collisions. The revenue received from the citations issued does not completely offset the cost to operate the program. However, the reduction in collision rate results provide indirect financial benefits when considering the health and cost savings to motorists, the alleviation in emergency response efforts, and the reduction in intersection delays. Therefore, we are recommending a continuation of the program.

The proposed amendment to be considered by your Board is for a 1-year extension of this program. We have been in contact with the CHP, and they have provided their support in the attached letter dated November 13, 2008.

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The amended contract provides that the County will pay a not-to-exceed fee of \$670,320 annually to ACS Incorporated for their work. Additionally, the County, under the amended agreement with CHP, will reimburse their actual costs up to \$100,000 annually. These costs are budgeted in the Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10 proposed Internal Service Fund Budget. The reduction in the program cost is attributed to the efficiency of the program and re-use of the ACS owned automated red light photo enforcement equipment.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact William H. Higley, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4016.

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Attach.

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